

SENATE BILL 867
By Davis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to increased public access to data concerning persons practicing professions of the healing arts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section to be appropriately designated:

Section _____. The board shall develop and implement with respect to each person licensed under this part, information in a format appropriate for inclusion in Tennessee's home page on the Internet, such information to contain the following items:

- (1) the description of any criminal convictions for felonies and serious misdemeanors as determined by the board, within the most recent ;
- (2) a description of any final board disciplinary actions within the most recent ;
- (3) a description of any final disciplinary actions by licensing boards in other states within the most recent ;
- (4) a description of revocation or voluntary restriction of hospital privileges for reasons related to competence or character that have been taken by the hospital's governing body or any other official of the hospital after procedural due process has been afforded, or the resignation from or nonrenewal of medical staff membership or the restriction of privileges at a hospital taken in lieu of or in settlement of a pending disciplinary case related to competence or character in that hospital. Only cases which

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have occurred within the most recent ten (10) years shall be disclosed by the board to the public;

(5) all medical malpractice court judgments and all medical malpractice arbitration awards in which a payment is awarded to a complaining party during the most recent ten (10) years, and all settlements of medical malpractice claims in which a payment is made to a complaining party within the most recent ..

SECTION 2. Cost of developing and maintaining this information shall be assessed pro rata to licensing fees.

SECTION 3. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.